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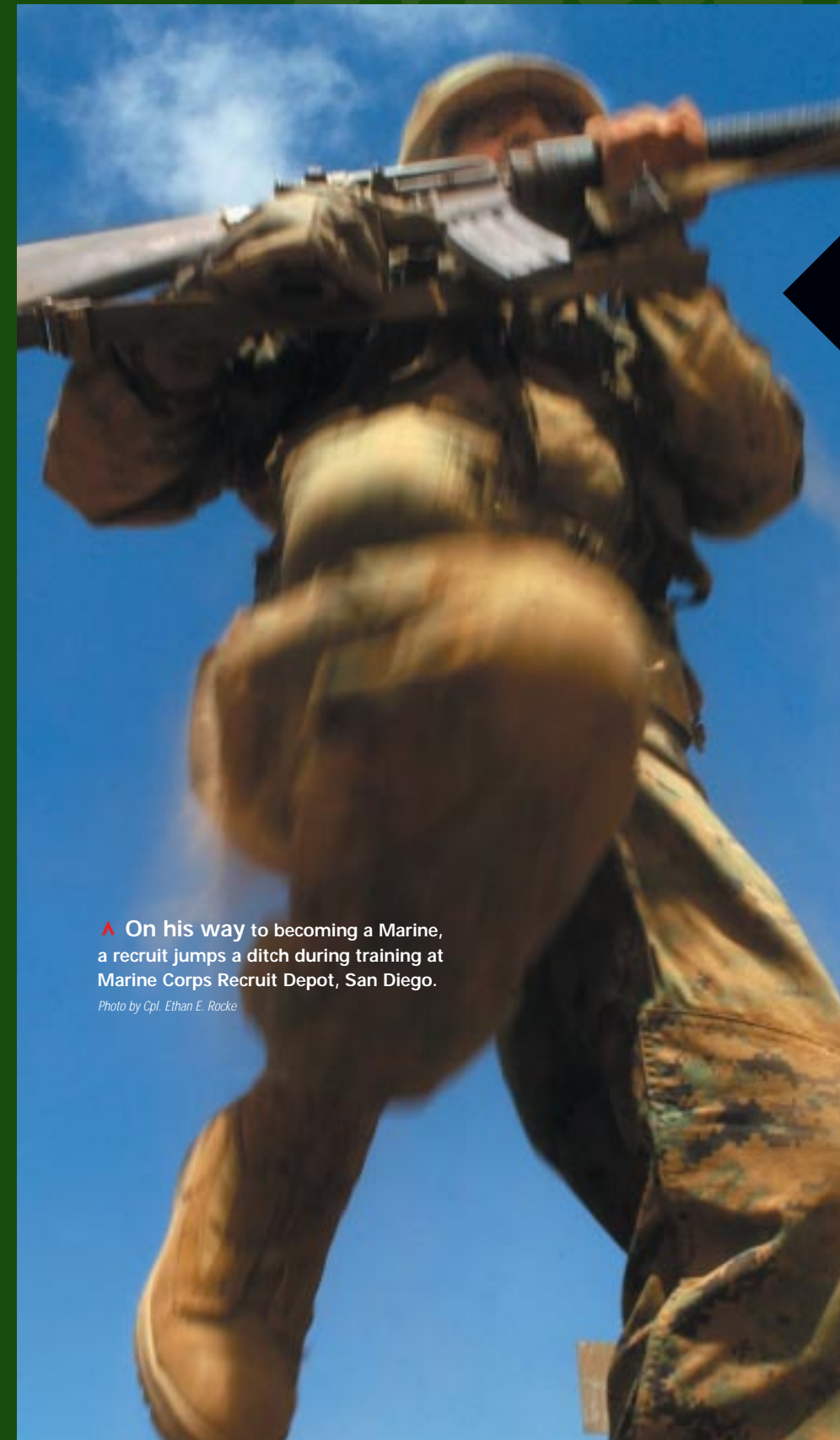
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▲ On his way to becoming a Marine, a recruit jumps a ditch during training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Photo by Cpl. Ethan E. Locke



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MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, San Diego — Company L recruits gather below the depot repelling tower and listen to instructions from Gunnery Sgt. Christopher R. Reed, staff noncommissioned officer in charge of Instructional Training Company. These recruits graduated Oct. 3. Like all recruits, they descended the tower about one week before graduating.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn

“I want you to be proud, and I want you to hold your head up high. I want you to remember those we’ve lost. I also want you to remember what we’ve gained.”

— Army Gen. Tommy Franks, the commander of U. S. Central Command, to an assembly of I Marine Expeditionary Force Marines Apr. 7

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Cpl. Ethan E. Roche, *The Chevron*, MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT, San Diego

Cpl. Ethan E. Roche joined the Marine Corps about two years ago and became a combat correspondent because he has “always enjoyed writing,” he said.

Although writing came fairly easy for Roche, the photography aspect of his job presented quite a challenge. He took it upon himself to become better and managed to

get a seat at the Defense Information School’s Intermediate Photojournalism Course at Fort Meade, Md. The two-month course turned the former Army infantryman around and gave him confidence, knowledge and proficiency – skills necessary to become a better photojournalist.

Roche advises photographers who need help understanding the operation of a camera to seek out more experienced Marines and ask for assistance. “Without mentors, the 4300 field would never grow, and the Marine Corps’ story would suffer.

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On the Cover

The image of the senior drill instructor is etched on the minds of every Marine who graduates recruit training. The senior DI’s tools of choice are the campaign cover, the noncommissioned officers’ sword, black duty belt and drill card.
Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Dunn

Marines SOUND OFF

In this world of “new and improved,” “better and faster,” and “now with a third less fat,” it’s hard to imagine anything staying true to its original form. People today are always looking for the next great thing. The cellular phone market alone, with daily technology gains and those cute commercials, keeps us digging in our pockets to buy the latest phones that take pictures, act as walkie-talkies, and literally chain us to the world around us with no hope of ever having more than 10 minutes of uninterrupted solitude again. Hand-held computers, i-Pods, and digital cameras are now so economical anyone can have them. Eyeglasses are being chucked in increasing numbers thanks to Lasik, and nips here and tucks there have practically become the latest in diet fads across our appearance-conscience nation.

But some things do stay true to form. Take grits, for example.

From the Editor

I realize this is a “corny” example, but grits are just grits. They haven’t changed. Well, OK, sure there are

now those grits that you just pour hot water over and instantly have the savory taste of Americana in a bowl. They don’t take as long to cook, but they’re still grits. And although Mama wouldn’t have approved of them 20 years ago, she’s cool with them today. Besides, she doesn’t have time to make the old fashion grits anymore, she’s busy at the mall getting her nails repaired after her weekend mountain biking adventure.

Like the humble grits, *Marines* also remain true to our original form. Oh, we’ve evolved from amphibious to expeditionary and we’ve moved beyond line training to martial arts, but at the very core of our souls, we remain Marines. We stand as tall today, ready, relevant and capable to carry out our nation’s bidding as we did 228 years ago when a few rebellious colonists gathered at Tunn Tavern and started this institution.

When the Coca-Cola Company did away with their old recipe and tried to slip in a new taste in 1985, they thought America was ready for a revolutionary new soft drink. They were wrong. In about two months “new Coke” was on the way out and “Coca-Cola classic” was back on the shelf. Now, there are variations of Coke, and new Coke is still being sold in the Midwest as “Coke II,” but the fact is, the old favorite is still the preferred drink. The company learned a valuable lesson; some things just shouldn’t be changed.

And that’s the way of the Marine Corps. It was said long ago that, “Americans don’t need a Marine Corps, they want a Marine Corps.” Our nation may be hungry for technology and enamored by the latest new gadgetry, but when it comes to her fighting men and women, she still enjoys the refreshing taste of “Corps classic.”

In this issue of *Marines* we look at some new and emerging trends and tools of the trade, but we also examine the most basic and versatile tool in the America’s inventory, the individual Marine. We may have changed our wrappers, but we still offer the same great bang for the buck that we always have. **M**



Marines SOUND OFF

In keeping with the celebration of the 228th birthday of the Marine Corps and the honoring of all service members on Veteran's Day, *Marines* passes on a few notes of encouragement and thanks from America.

Editor,

I am civilian. I do not pretend to comprehend all that (Marines) have done for my daily freedom, but I thank you. Thank you to all the Marines that make my daily freedoms possible.

Oscar Glass
Dallas

Editor,

I wanted to tell (our Marines in Iraq) thank you for keeping our country safe. I just read *Hill 488* and now I have a deeper appreciation for the suffering our troops endure keeping us safe.

I thank you and America thanks you.

Greg Bishop
Orlando, Fla.

Editor,

On this, the 228th birthday of the Marine Corps, my family and I wish to

Tell it to the Marines!



Here's your chance to write for *Marines*. Take a look at the photograph above and tell us what you think is happening. Submit your funny caption to MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil. Include your name, unit and base. *Marines* will pick the best one to run in next quarter's issue.



Last Issue's Funny Caption Winner:
Young Marine takes Mountain Dew commercial to another level... Hard Head, Hard Corps!

— Cpl. Fermin Bergouingnan "Berger"
MAG-26 MCAS New River, N.C.

take this opportunity to thank the men and women of the Marine Corps for their dedication to duty and for helping to keep our country safe and free.

We wish all of you the very best and you are in our thoughts and prayers as you perform your duties worldwide. God continue to bless all of you for many more years to come.

George, Penny, & Francis Whitfield

Editor,

God bless every one of you and

thanks for 228 years of service. Have a very, very happy birthday.

David M. Bethune
Newport, R.I.

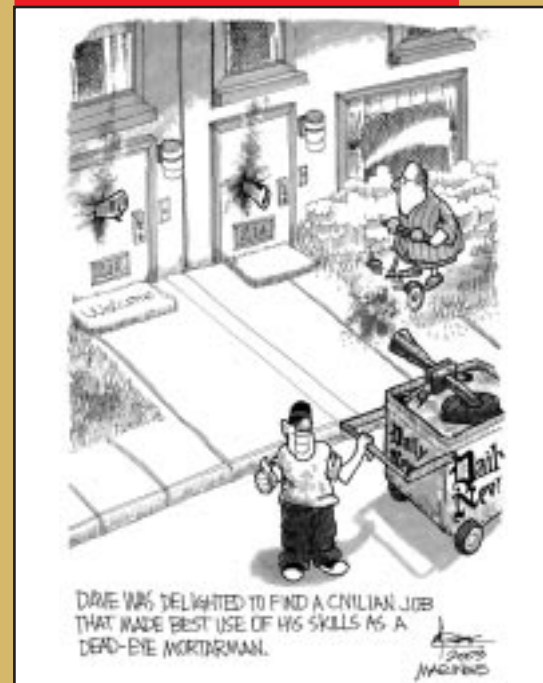
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The staff of *Marines* apologizes to our readers and the photographer and thanks Cpl. Walker for pointing out our error. His integrity and willingness to step forward is commendable and exemplary.

SemperToons By Staff Sgt. Charles F. Wolf



Nowak By Paul Nowak



More information on concert dates and community events can be found on the Community Relations Web site at <http://www.usmc.mil/commrel/r120day.nsf/community>

If you have a calendar event of Marine Corpswide interest, submit it to MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil.

Marines CALENDAR

2003 OCTOBER

Oct. 1, 1997 >
Col. Gilda A. Jackson was the first African American female Marine promoted to the rank of colonel.



Col. Gilda A. Jackson
USMC Photo

Oct. 9, 1917 >
The 8th Marine Regiment was activated at Quantico, Va.

Oct. 11-31 >
Men's Soccer All Marine Trials MCRD, San Diego

< Oct. & Nov.
National Concert Tour begins visiting southwestern Pennsylvania, northern West Virginia, Ohio, northern Indiana, Michigan, northern Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.

< Oct. 8, 1899
Commandant Maj. Gen. George F. Elliott, attacked and captured the insurgent town of Novalleta, Luzon, Philippine Islands during the Philippine Insurrection.



Maj. Gen. George F. Elliott
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Oct. 20-27 >
Armed Forces Rugby NS Everett, Wash.

At 6:22 a.m., an explosive-laden truck slammed into the BLT headquarters building in Beirut, Lebanon, taking the lives of 241 Americans — of which 220 were Marines.

< Oct. 23, 1983

< Oct. 26
28th Marine Corps Marathon Washington

< Oct. 31-Nov. 2
NAS JRB New Orleans Air Show Belle Chasse, La.

Last day of the reporting period for first lieutenant fitness reports.
Oct. 31 >

2003 NOVEMBER

Nov. 1-11 >
Armed Forces Men's Soccer NS San Diego

Nov. 10, 1921 >
First official commemoration of the Marine Corps birthday as Nov. 10.

Nov. 10
The President's Own, Marine Band, performs at the United States Marine Corps War Memorial in Arlington, Va.

Nov. 17-22 >
All Marine Boxing Matches MCB Camp Lejeune, N.C.



"Full Gear"
By Cpl. Henry Casselli, 1968
Collection of USMC History & Museums Division

< Nov. 1
Toys for Tots 5k Run, Norfolk, Va.

< Nov. 2
BGen Paxton Mill Order of World Wars, San Diego, Ca.

< Nov. 8
Parade Fly-Over and Open House, Stauton, Va. POC: Donald Hall, 540-887-8024

< Nov. 9
14th Annual Half-Marathon Camp Kinser, Okinawa, Japan

< Nov. 11
Veteran's Day

< Nov. 13, 1982
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, containing the names of more than 13,000 Marines who lost their lives in Vietnam, was dedicated in Washington.

< Nov. 20
Great American Smoke Out

< Nov. 25, 1968
The conclusion of Operation Lancaster II during the Vietnam War.

< Nov. 27
Happy Thanksgiving

< Nov. 30 - Dec. 6
Men's Basketball SHAPE Tournament Belgium

2003 DECEMBER



Pearl Harbor — Dec. 7, 1941
Photo U.S. Naval Historical Center

Dec. 7, 1941 >
Japanese launched a surprise attack at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, which catapulted the United States entry into World War II.

Dec. 9, 1992
Marines of the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations capable) landed in Somalia kicking off Operation Restore Hope, the largest humanitarian relief operation of its kind.

Dec. 15, 1948 >
The Secretary of the Navy signed a "Memorandum of Agreement" with the State Department which laid the basis for the modern Marine Security Guard program at U.S. embassies throughout the world.



Gen. Manuel Noriega
Photo by William Gentile

< Dec. 20, 1989
Operation Just Cause was launched in Panama to protect American lives, restore the democratic process, preserve the integrity of the Panama Canal Treaty, and apprehend dictator Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega.

< Dec. 25
Merry Christmas

< Dec. 31
Happy New Year Drive safe.